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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hiroiyuki FUJITA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1746

Serial No.: 10/088,685

Examiner: Rob Colbert

Filed: March 21, 2002

For: METHOD FOR FINE PATTERN FORMATION

CONFIRMATION OF ORAL RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION

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Sir:

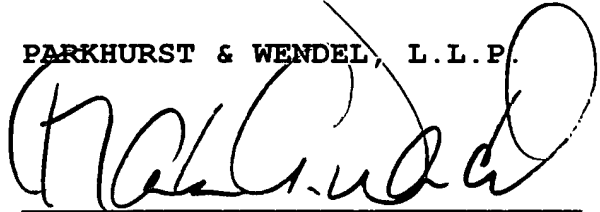
This is to confirm the recent telephone discussion between the Examiner and the undersigned regarding a two-way restriction requirement involving apparatus claims 1 to 8 and 16 to 35 and method claims 9 to 15 and 36 to 39 and applicants' election, with traverse, of the latter group. The election is made with traverse because there is no indication in the record that the subjects matter of all claims cannot readily be examined at the same time.

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An early examination of at least claims 9 to 15 and 36 to 39
is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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